Tigard Transportation Advisory Committee Biographies of Recommended Appointees

On December 8, 2015 the Tigard City Council will consider a resolution appointing members to the Tigard Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC). Following are brief biographies for the individuals recommended for appointment.

Recommended for voting positions:

Donald Schmidt was appointed to the TTAC in January 2011. He also serves as a member of the Planning Commission. Don graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B.A. in Architecture. He has been working in the Portland area for the past 17 years. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and Cascadia Green Building Council.

Joseph Vasicek has lived in Tigard for 10 years and in the area for a few decades. He works as a Mechanical Engineer for the trucking industry at Williams Controls. He is a married father of young children and enjoys walking and biking with his family to many of Tigard's beautiful parks and events. Joe has been a member of TTAC's Pedestrian and Cyclist Subcommittee for the past two years and an Alternate on TTAC for the past year. He will be serving as a "business" representative.

Robert Van Vlack has lived in Tigard for 12 years. He is retired after 36 years with NW Natural. He has served on the Reedville School District Board and is a liaison for the Summerfield Civic Association.

Russell Casler has lived in Tigard for 2 years and previously lived in Tualatin. He is an Operations and Policy Analyst for DMV Driver Programs/ODOT. Previously he was an analyst for the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and a legislative assistant in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 sessions of the Oregon State Legislature. He has a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon.

Yi-Kang Hu has lived in Tigard for over 7 years. He is a lawyer with Spectra Law Group and has a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School, a Ph.D. from OHSU and a B.A. from Reed College. He has served on the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine and the Oregon Law Center. He walks his dog to the downtown dog park on a regular basis and also at Cook Park, where he also rides his bike.

Recommended as alternates:

Rick Perry has lived in Tigard for 27 years and is an entrepreneur. He organized a large charrette for land use including the mayor, district 3 councilor and the community. He is a long time cyclist and is interested in Tigard's transportation.

Susan Pfahl has lived in Tigard for 29 years and is an instructor and artist. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of International Management.

Timothy Esau has lived in Tigard for 27 years. He works as a Senior Systems analyst for ODOT. He has served 1 year on the Tigard Budget Committee, 2 years on the Budget Committee for the Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District, and as an alternate on TTAC for one year. He has been active in the community on transit and other transportation issues.